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(B) GENEVA 1101 (MAR 13, 1973) AND
AND 1340 (MAR 26, 1973)

1. BASIC CONDITION FOR ACCEPTANCE BY GROUP B (DEVELOPED COUNTRIES) OR RESOLUTION 7(VII) OF COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES AND 83(III) OF CONFERENCE WAS THAT CONSULTATIONS AND NOT NEGOTIATIONS WERE ENVISAGED. GROUP B VIEW NOT CHALLENGED AT THIRTEENTH TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND LDCS APPEARED ACCEPT.

2. RESOLUTION IS AMBIGUOUS BUT HISTORY SUPPORTS US VIEW AS CITED IN PARA 1B REFTL A. DEPT WILL RECALL ORIGINAL TEXT OF PARA 2(B) OF RES 7(VII) WHICH CAME OUT OF DRAFTING GROUP REFERRED TO MARKET ACCESS IN GENERAL. COMMUNITY WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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UNHAPPY WITH THIS LANGUAGE AND PRIVATELY NEGOTIATED

WITH GROUP OF 77 IN EFFORT TO LIMIT BENEFITS TO LDCS BY INSERTING WORD "THEIR" (I.E. LDCS) BEFORE WORDS "INCREASED PARTICIPATION" AND "ACCESS TO WORLD MARKETS." CANADA, NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA MADE SPECIFIC STATEMENTS IN PLENARY TO EFFECT THEY ACCEPTED TEXT ON UNDERSTANDING RESOLUTION COVERED GENERAL MARKET ACCESS (SEE REFTELS B).

3. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS SHOULD BE NOTED:

(1) LDCS AT TUNGSTEN CONSULTATIONS COOPERATED WITH AUSTRALIA (A GROUP B MEMBER) IN SEEKING BENEFITS FOR ALL PRODUCING COUNTRIES; (2) OBJECTIVE OF RES 7(VII) WITH RESPECT TO BENEFITS WAS SUBJECT OF DEBATE BETWEEN EGYPT AND US DEL (SEE REPORT OF CITRUS CONSULTATIONS, PARA 15); (3) LDCS IN DRAFTIN GROUP AGREED DROP PROPOSAL DURING RICE CONSULTATIONS WHICH WOULD FOR FIRST TIME HAVE EXPLICITLY MADE INCREASED PARTICIPATION OF LDCS IN TRADE A BASIC AIM OF RES 7(VII).

4. RE PARA 4 REFTEL A, KOCHANЕК HAS ALREADY MADE PERSONAL COMMITMENTS FOR FEB. 25-27. IF DEPT BELIEVES HIS PRRESENCE NECESSARY, HE PREPARED TRY ARRANGE AFFAIRS TO ENABLE ARRIVAL ROME AFTERNOON OF FEB. 26 (WHEN WORK ON FINAL REPORT LIKELY TO COMMENCE) AND REMAIN FOR REST OF CONSULTATION. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. RE FUNDING, MISSION AGREED FUND KOCHANЕК PARTICIPATION IN JANUARY IN ORDER MAINTAIN CONTINUITY OF CONSULTATIONS AT FIRST OF SERIES OF MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN FAO. MISSION PREPARED DO SO AGAIN, IF NECESSARY,BUT BELIEVES DEPARTMENT FUNDING WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE IN THIS INSTANCE.DALE

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